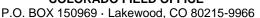
## **COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**



# United States Department of Agriculture NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE COLORADO FIELD OFFICE





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# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 14, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Hot and mostly dry conditions continued this past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The San Luis Valley and western counties reported measurable to significant precipitation in areas. Beneficial moisture will bump up crop and rangeland conditions but may temper the beginning of small grains harvest in those areas. Northeastern counties experienced hot weather this past week and isolated severe weather accompanied by hail. Irrigation demand remains high and non-irrigated crops are showing signs of heat stress. Overall, crop maturity is advancing due to the heat, but moisture is needed in drier areas to preserve crop and range conditions. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 8 percent heavy, 68 percent average, and 24 percent light. Cattle death loss was 81 percent average and 19 percent light.

#### **CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa	•			
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	94	91	89	89
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	32	20	19	28
Barley				
Turning color	94	88	93	94
Harvested	25	20	23	33
Corn				
Silked	96	90	93	94
Dough	30	13	31	34
Dented	2		4	4
Dry beans				
Flowered	95	87	78	82
Onions				
Harvested	1	NA	4	5
Sorghum				
Headed	78	66	68	58
Turning color	20	10	21	22
Spring wheat				
Turning color	78	68	85	88
Harvested	15	7	25	20

NA – not available

(--) – zero

#### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.5	6.2	6.5	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	4	4	21
Short	24	21	23	31
Adequate	66	67	71	46
Surplus	5	8	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	4	4	4	28
Short	19	18	22	31
Adequate	73	73	73	40
Surplus	4	5	1	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

### CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor				8
Poor	2	2	4	12
Fair	14	14	27	27
Good	65	65	56	43
Excellent	19	19	13	10
Sarley				
Very poor				1
Poor			1	2
Fair	13	13	15	26
Good	52	53	54	55
Excellent	35	34	30	16
Corn				
Very poor	1	1		11
Poor	2	2	3	9
Fair	14	15	21	24
Good	66	65	65	46
Excellent	17	17	11	10
ry beans	1,	1,		10
Very poor				3
	2	2	1	7
Poor	20	20	34	44
Fair		-	-	
Good	65	65	60	41
Excellent	13	13	5	5
ivestock Vorumeer				2
Very poor	 1		 1	2
Poor	1	1	1	5
Fair	10	10	11	26
Good	77	77	74	58
Excellent	12	12	14	9
nions				
Very poor			3	1
Poor	3	3	8	3
Fair	5	5	21	18
Good	74	74	53	67
Excellent	18	18	15	11
asture and range				
Very poor	3	3	1	22
Poor	6	6	12	21
Fair	25	25	25	24
Good	57	56	50	27
Excellent	9	10	12	6
otatoes inside San Luis Valley	Ź		12	
Very poor				NA
Poor			1	NA NA
Fair	16	16	17	NA
Good	63	64	54	NA NA
	21	20	25	NA NA
Excellent	21	20	23	INA
otatoes outside San Luis Valley				NT A
Very poor			<del></del>	NA NA
Poor	 E			NA NA
Fair	5	5	6	NA NA
Good	82	82	84	NA NA
Excellent	13	13	10	NA
orghum				
Very poor				11
Poor	5	5	5	16
Fair	27	31	31	37
Good	62	58	62	35
Excellent	6	6	2	1
pring wheat				
Very poor				4
Poor				10
Fair	8	8	39	35
Good	84	84	55	46
Excellent	8	8	6	5
ugarbeets				
Very poor				1
Poor	3	2	1	4
Fair	11	11	8	22
Good	71	72	72	59
Excellent	15	15	19	14
	13	13	19	14
unflowers				10
Very poor				10
Poor	3	3	5	14
Fair	25	25	30	32
Good Excellent	64 8	64 8	50 15	38

NA – not available (--) – zero